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NO FACTS . . . Robert Avakian, a candidate for Berkeley City Council, discussed issues yesterday but revealed none of the names he promised Monday concerning the CIA-NSA controversy.

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Over 200 people packed 11 Wheeler Hall at noon yesterday expecting details and names of individuals and groups on this campus connected with Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) involvement in the National Student Association (NSA). But they all eventually left the Community for New Politics (CNP) sponsored meeting disappointed.

Reiterating some of the issues raised by his article in Ramparts Magazine, which revealed the CIA-NSA ties, Sol Stern, assistant managing editor of Ramparts spoke along with Robert Avakian, CNP candidate for Berkeley City Council, who collaborated with Stern on the article, at the highly publicized meeting.

"I don't want to be pressured into disclosing names," Stern began his speech. "We don't want to focus on personalities," he said. Instead, the concern should be with the issues, he contended.

Avakian told The Daily Californian on Monday that at the meeting he would "name individuals on this campus who, as NSA staff members, have cooperated with the CIA."

At the time of the interview, Avakian said he could not reveal the names, but promised "more concrete" information at the meeting.

Stern concentrated on the facts set forth in his article. "The CIA purchased a cold war environment," he said. Citing the unawareness of the vast majority in NSA of the ties, Stern noted "how close we are coming to approach '1984.'"

He repeated what Avakian said on Monday, describing the "infiltration" technique of the CIA into the NSA and citing examples used in his article.

The current NSA officers are "getting off the hook," Stern said, since they have been honest in revealing the relationship with CIA. "They are responsible to their constituents," he said.

Stern contended that the problem remains for NSA to define itself as an organization. Had NSA had "strong ties with campuses, this wouldn't have taken place," he said, referring to CIA infiltration of the NSA leadership.

Avakian took up his speech where Stern ended his, describing "how students are going to build a movement."

He did not elaborate on the ties and "give details" as he said he would do on Monday.

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He cited a "basic contradiction" in the University: "We are caught in a very real paradox in state-subsidized education." Disliking the status quo, students are using state money to undermine eventually the state and change the institution of the status quo, he said.

Avakian claimed that this situation is not yet understood by everybody. Students think the administration is open to their ideas, and it is not, he said. "Roger Heyns' interests are not student rights," since ultimately they would undermine his power, he continued.

Campus politics for dealing with problems is to "rub noses and solve everything behind closed doors," which will not work, Avakian contended. This is an extension of CIA politics, he said.

The CIA-NSA controversy "teaches us how we have to move," he said. "We must avoid 'get-rich-quick' politics," and "educate the constituency of society and the place of the University in society."

Entertaining questions, Stern said, "We probably only know one one-hundredth of the story." Only the "tip of the iceberg" has been revealed, he added.